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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF SPANISH ARMS TO IRAQ

REF: MADRID 4844, BAGHDAD 52

2. USINT'S ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF GRANTING GOS REQUEST FOR
USG AUTHORIZATION TO SELL 106 MM CANNONS TO IRAQI CONTAINED
BAGHDAD 52 IN OUR VIEW, REMAIN VALID.

2. GOI-GOS RELATIONS ARE BELIEVED TO BE AT PARTICULARLY
DELICATE STATE AS RESULT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN ECONOMIC
PROJECTS. SHORTLY AFTER KURDISH INSURGENCY BROKE OUT LAST
MARCH. SPANISH WITHDREW ALL TECHNICAL PERSONNEL FROM SULAI-
MANIYA TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AND RETURNED THEM TO SAPIN
WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO RETURN NORTH.
GOI MAINTAINED THERE WAS NO DANGER AND WAS UPSET BY SPANISH
MOVE. MORE RECENTLY, SPANISH HAVE STOPPED WORK ON ONLY
LARGE MODERN HOTEL BEING CONTRUCTED IN BAGHDAD. SPANISH
HAD LUMP SUM CONTRACT SIGNED SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WHEN
FACED WITH RISING COSTS AND IRAQI DEMANDS FOR CHANGES IN
SPEICIFICATIONS, SPANISH COMPANY ATTEMPTED TO RE-NEGOTIATE
CONTRACT. IRAQIS PROVED UNSYMPATHETIC AND CONSTRUCTION
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